

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3413 - HB 3668

February 25, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the requirement that a person must pay outstanding child support obligations accumulated during a period of incarceration before the right of suffrage will be restored. Requires the Coordinator of Elections to amend the certificate of restoration form for voting rights and provide an explanatory statement that payment of outstanding child support obligations is no longer required to have the right of suffrage restored.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, a convicted felon applying for restoration of voting rights must first be current on all child support obligations including any arrearage.
- According to the Secretary of State's Office, the Coordinator of Elections communicates with the Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Support Division to verify that the person is current on all child support obligations. This procedure will remain in place.
- The DHS will be responsible for determining if the individual is current on his or her child support obligations or has an arrearage.
- Any cost to the Coordinator of Elections for the preparation, printing, and distribution of the amended forms will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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